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353 and 127). Everything in the world can be found there: small vessels, baskets, boxes, packages carefully wrapped in cloth, in short, a thousand little objects which the Chiriguano women regard as their treasure. From the roof hang hooks from which [414] are suspended household effects or supplies. These hooks are [237] generally of wood, but there are some also which are formed by a deer foot bent back and dried in the sun (Fig. 128).

Every chink in the walls is transformed into a hiding-place where the women put their scissors, the men their knives or combs. /472/ Bows and arrows are slipped between the struts of the roof.

In some huts whose walls are plastered with earth, the Indians arrange niches in the shape of swallows' nests, which serve as rudimentary cupboards. Might there be in that a distant remembrance of the niches so characteristic of Inca houses? It is possible.

352 The inhabitants of each hut sit on the cots or on /Figs. 516 130-132 appear here/ chairs with backs very well copied from [179] those of the creoles. The women generally squat on the ground. [178] On the upper Pilcomayo, one still finds benches with two seats (Fig. 129), a cultural element which the Chiriguano inherited from their ancestors of the Amazon basin.

356 The fire for cooking is lighted in the middle of the hut. [354] Chiriguano dwellings are clean. I have never caught fleas or other vermin there as I have in the ranchos of creoles or half-breeds. The women sweep their huts at least once a day. One is rarely disturbed there by mice (Fig. 132).

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824 element and that of the hollow cane are due to the abundance of cattle, which destroy even the straw for harnesses.

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574 When the placement of the roof has been completed, they all come down and gather in the hut of the friend, who, as a
[476] reward or payment for the service rendered, offers them a cup
[831] of chicha, and they drink this amidst jokes and crudities, at times very heavy, especially should maidens or women of 30 years or older who do not keep quiet pass by. But as the people know each other well and are friends, the greatest harmony reigns, and, when everything is finished, they take leave of the owner, thanking him for his gifts, and he shows them his gratitude for the services which they have rendered (2).

2. The workers only ask for chicha in recompense, but if the owner has beans or gourds cooked for them in a stew with considerable stimulant in the form of chili pepper, arivivi, it is a feast or carnival for all.

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312 The rest of the work is done with less haste and at a more
[221] opportune time. In fact, most wait until the rainy season to do it, for then water is abundant, and this to be sure deserves the approbation of all because it is more economical and easier. Thus, taking into consideration the laziness of the Indian man
[46] and the tasks which the Chiriguano woman has, it would be expensive and quite tiresome to bring the water on their shoulders from great distances, which is avoided during the rainy season.
● [356] Then during each shower not only is the construction of the walls of the new houses done, but also the repair of those which have come apart during the year, and it is very amusing to see from a distance the women around the houses with their sleeves rolled up or with the tipoy down to the waist, making holes in the wet ground with shovel or hoe, pouring a little water in, kneading the earth, forming large balls of it, and putting it between the canes which are already attached.

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372 [773] children who had been saved from the Iporu, deluge of water, he also taught them the way never to lose it, by rubbing pieces of wood together forcefully.

224 372 The Chiriguano is quite a hunter, and no wild animal or bird escapes from his eye and hand. On these hunting trips he often needs fire. If he is very far from town and prepares to sleep alone in the forest or in open country, he lights his fire in the way just described, in order to have its company, to keep away the jaguar and the demon, and to light his cigar and prepare his roast.

Work

Cleanliness

• 356 [362] Many will perhaps come to the conclusion that Chiriguano houses, poorly built and worse maintained because of the continual fire which gives off smoke and ash, are very dirty, without cleanliness or neatness, but nothing is more incorrect. The [515] [302] Indian despite his savagery is clean, and especially for cleanness he pulls out his facial and body hair, bathes daily, and combs his hair often, getting rid of the little animals which might be in his thick hair. The Cuña, or Chiriguano woman, constantly thinks of the cleanliness of her house, gallery, and the ground in front, up to four meters in length and width (2).

[362] 2. All can see that some Chiriguanos, out of laziness, live in their own very old and dilapidated houses, open to the sun, wind, rain, and dust; in others that have a new roof, walls are lacking, thus exposing them to getting pneumonia, but there is no lack of cleanliness in any of them.

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353 [356] Chiriguano towns attract the attention of all travelers and explorers because of the cleanliness which reigns in their houses, which, despite having a notable quantity of furnishings, are well kept up through the assiduous work of the mistress of the house. [415] [352] Jars with wide mouths are in the corners; those with narrow mouths, in which the chicha must ferment, lean vertically against the walls; the plates and spoons are on small triangular tables of hollow cane in the corners; small ollas are placed inside the empty large pots, and these in times of abundance, and even in times of scarcity, are full, some with shelled maize, others with beans and gourd seeds, and others with wool and cotton for making ponchos, blankets, or outer garments.

[824] [251] /179/ Above, at an appropriate height, they hang a mat of hollow cane or little sticks well tied together well with Ivi, or ceiba, and there they put other trifles or small things, when they do not have anything else to put there, such as cheeses and charqui, or dried meat. The mat is usually hung on one side of the house on one of the rafters by means of thongs of cowhide or other material. They are placed there so as not to be in the way of those who must pass beneath (1).

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1. The Ivi is a species of ceiba, samuu, but it does not have points like the latter. There is another called Cuari or Tayipiruru, which is very straight, has very strong fibers, and is only cut at the branches in order to pull off the bark. A fourth type of ceiba is called Iviru guasu; it is large and smooth. Each type has its congenial place, like every tree.

Finally, in the corners of the house or where it is most convenient, up high, they put one or more cords, which form an angle from one wall to the other, and there each member of the family puts his own clothing and the men hang the harness of their beasts of burden. Today the Chiriguano who are not lazy are not so poor, and when one enters a house one is amazed by all the abundance of furnishings so well arranged.

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356 With such an arrangement, it is not difficult for the Chiriguano woman, after having taken her bath, made her toilette, and put up her hair, to sweep her house in a few minutes, sweep the rest, put back in its place everything that has been used, to put the beds to the walls, put the coverings on the cords in the corners, and again prepare what is needed for cooking (2).

2. The ancient Chiriguano woman did it this way, because she got up very early; today, as she is beginning to be lazy, after having done everything, she goes to the spring, bathes, combs her hair, and carries water.

Cots and Seats

513 No matter how poor a Chiriguano may be, he seeks comfort for sleeping and does not sleep on the ground when he is at home, both in order to avoid sickness and to be free of poisonous animals which abound, such as the snake, the scorpion, and the tarantula, which strike horror just to look at them. Furthermore, they do not sleep on the ground in order to be free of the bite of other insects, such as the vinchuca and the guanaco in certain areas, but despite this their cots are /180/ full of other little coffee-colored bugs, known in every corner inhabited by man.

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322 In order to avoid any such accident, one obtains the Igũirapempi, cot, by making it oneself. Cots are of hollow cane, little sticks, or split maguey sticks, which they call caruguata guasu. In order to make them, they first make a rectangular frame; in this four holes are made 40 centimeters in from the ends, into which four sticks are introduced vertically; these are the feet. Above are tied canes or sticks which are high at the top and bottom and deep in the middle, and this is the cot. At bedtime they are content with placing at the head some rag or piece of wood.

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362 What the Chiriguano thinks least about is his house; it is
●356 very hard to find one who makes a comfortable one. If he does
797 begin to build one, he is a long time finishing it, if indeed he ever does, and if it falls into ruins, he bothers little about repairs; when it rains, the house fills up with water and becomes a mud-hole, but he and the family are there sleeping and snoring like dormice. To make them renovate their villages, it is almost always necessary to threaten them and promise punishment and at times apply it, so that what happened in the fable of the toads will not occur.

461 The Indian is always ready to drink; if for this it is neces-
293 sary to pile up firewood and carry it from great distances, no one shirks; everyone shakes off his natural laziness with great enthusiasm. Both men and women then become quite active for ten days or two weeks, in order then to drink for six days or more, during which their faces become repugnant, both because of the cosmetics with which they think they beautify themselves and because of their state of half or total drunkenness. Then they talk of many things, and then finally some of them remember about collecting from others, and quarrels arise from this, and to stop these and also to put an end to the idleness the missionary must firmly intervene. If the Indians had a good crop of maize and the drinking bout were prohibited entirely or in part they would organize them in the fields where they plant, and then worse things would happen.

797 Chicha by itself does not cause much damage in their stomachs,
293 and they easily bear up for several days without more than a half-enebriation; the bad thing now is a scandalously widespread abuse of alcohol, which very soon intoxicates them until they are senseless and do not even know that they are alive. The missionary is vigilant in his enforcement of the rules, but it seems that they are members of a secret sect, and they tell him only when it is all over, or when they wish to avenge some grievance.

5:Nordenskiöld E-5,½(1908-1909, 1913) 1920
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		Cleanness of body	Cleanness in and round the abode	Care of household, belongings, weapons, ornaments, clothes	Skill in art.
Ashluslay	El Gran Chaco near Rio Pilcomayo	2	0	1	3
Atsahuaca	Peru, tropical forests	3	3	3	1
Aymara	Andean Plateau, cold climate	0	0	0	5
Baure	Plains and tropical forests, Mojos, Bolivia	5	5	4	—
Cavina	Plains and tropical forests, near Rio Beni, Bolivia	3	3	3	2
Chacobo	Plains and tropical forests, Mojos, Bolivia	4	5	5	1
Cháma	Tropical forests, Rio Madidi, Bolivia	2	3	3	1
Chané (Itiyuro)		5	4	3	4
» (Parapiti)		4	4	3	3
Chimáne	Tropical forests. Bolivia	3	2	2	1
Chiriguano		5	4	3	4
Choroti	El Gran Chaco, near Rio Pilcomayo	2	0	1	2
Guarayú (mission)	Tropical forests, Bolivia	3	3	3	—
Guarayú Pauserna	Tropical forests, Brazil	3	3	3	1
Huanyam	»	4	4	4	1
Huari	»	3	4	3	1
Mataco	El Gran Chaco	1	0	1	3
Mojo	Tropical forests and plains, Bolivia	5	5	4	—
Quichua	Andean Plateau	1	1	1	5
Tambopata-Guarayo	Tropical forests, Peru	3	3	3	1
Tapiete	El Gran Chaco	2	1	2	1
Toba	»	2	1	1	1
Yamiaca	Tropical forests, Peru	3	3	3	1
Yuracáre	Tropical forests, Bolivia	3	3	3	3

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There are still many of the old Chiriguano, who wear long hair. Young men and youths with long hair are only

7: Rosen E-5 (1901-1902) 1924 SF10 Chiriguano SF10

352 [114] [171] [513] been imitated from the Europeans. The Chiriguano also sleep in hammocks made of cotton yarn, and on reed mats and skins spread on the ground. Stools for sitting on I have not observed among the Chiriguano. They do, however, possess such articles of furniture,[1] which, however, must be of 353 considerable rarity. Along the walls of the hut will be seen an orderly 415 array of cooking and roasting pots, water pitchers, and pots for maize [531] beer, arranged in rows, often of exceedingly beautiful shape and with painted decoration (figs. 217—225). From wooden hooks in the roof are hanging bunches of maize cobs, pumpkins or other foodstuffs; arrows, bows, and other gear. From the roof there are also suspended clay bowls (figs. 224 and 225), used as repositories for smaller articles of value. Clothing, ornaments, and such like, are also stored in large clay jars placed on the ground. As bowls there are also used the scaly skin of armadillos, and calabashes (fig. 226).

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Fig. 194. Man and young woman. Chiriguano. San Luis. Bolivia. Photo. E. v. R.

Outside every hut there is, as I mentioned, a fireplace which is generally used for cooking the food, unless the weather makes this im- ●356 possible. The huts, as well as the open spaces between them, are kept particularly neat and clean. They are swept every day, and the sweepings are burnt. The huts are practically always free from vermin.

291 [177] The Chiriguano men nowadays generally wear shirt and trousers of European cut (fig. 194). The poncho shirt is, however, still to be met with among this tribe[2], but only very rarely, and I have never personally

[1] Nordenskiöld (13), p. 163 and fig. 85 (12), pp. 15 and 16, and fig. 3.
[2] Nordenskiöld (12), p. 59.